



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8965

BY REPRESENTATIVES NOGRALES (J.F.F.), ARAGONES, BASCUG, UY (J.), VIOLAGO, GATO, CABREDO,
CELESTE AND SAULOG, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 838

AN ACT

DECLARING WAWA DAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled

1 **SECTION 1.** The Wawa Dam located in Municipality of Rodriguez, Province of Rizal,
2 is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by
3 the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the
4 development of ecotourism destinations. The DOT shall likewise establish a tourism center to
5 be known as the Wawa Dam Tourism Center.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in consultation with
7 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works
8 and Highways, Department of the Interior and Local Government, other concerned government
9 agencies, local government units (LGUs) and civil society organizations, shall prepare a tourism
10 development plan including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
11 facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance, develop and promote ecotourism in the area, and
12 improve accessibility and ensure the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan

1 shall ensure the preservation, conservation and optimum utilization of available assets and
2 resources in the area.

3 **SEC. 3.** The DOT, in coordination with the DENR and all concerned government agencies
4 and LGUs, shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan that will fit the natural
5 features of the Wawa Dam and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the
6 ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Wawa Dam in all its national, regional and local
7 promotions programs.

8 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
9 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
10 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
11 Department.

12 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, shall promulgate
13 the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

14 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees
15 and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed
16 repealed or amended accordingly.

17 **SEC. 7.** If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or
18 invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

19 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
20 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

21 Approved,